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Words inside words

Find a little word hiding in a tricky word, and the spelling sticks.

1 Learn



Lots of tricky words have a **little word hiding inside**. Find the one that sits on the tricky part, and you'll never spell it wrong!

separate

s	e	p	a	r	a	t	e

sep | a rat | e

There's a rat in separate.

believe

b	e	l	i	e	v	e

be | a lie | ve

Never believe a lie!

Worked example

g	r	a	m	m	a	r

Is it grammar or grammer?

1. **Say** the word: grammar.
2. **Find the tricky part.** The end sounds like "er", but is it **ar** or **er**?
3. **Hunt for a little word:** **gram**mar. There's a **ram** inside!
4. **Make it a trick:** "A ram reads grammar." The **a** in ram reminds you of the a's in grammar.
5. **Write it** and check: g-r-a-m-m-a-r. Two m's, two a's.

Flip's tip: the best hidden word sits right on the **tricky part**. "A rat" in separate covers the middle a, the letter people often get wrong.

Warm up: draw a ring round the little word hiding in each word.

island **heart** **knowledge** **business**

Grown-ups: read Flip's words aloud, then let your child point to the hidden word in each picture. The trick only works if it sits on the hard part, so ask, "Which letter does this trick help you remember?"

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2 Try it together

a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Hidden word hunt

You need: a sheet of paper, two pencils or pens in different colours.

1. The grown-up writes one word from the table in big letters on the paper.
2. Take turns to find a little word inside it. The letters must sit **next to each other, in order**. Underline each one in your colour.
3. When you can't find any more, write the little words you found in the table.
4. Choose the hidden word that sits on the **tricky part**. Make up a silly sentence or picture with it.
5. For the last row, choose any word you find hard to spell.

Tricky word	Little words we found	Our trick
separate		
potatoes		
therefore		

Grown-ups: there's no "right" number to find. If your child spots a word that isn't really there (letters not side by side), write the word out and check it together, letter by letter.

3 Practise

A. Use the clue to find the hidden word. Write it on the line.

grammar
an animal with horns
_____

heart
you hear with it
_____

peculiar
someone who tells lies
_____

knowledge
a narrow shelf
_____

island
ground that isn't sea
_____

potatoes
at the end of your feet
_____

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B. Draw a ring round the right spelling.

seperate separate	believe beleive	grammer grammar
therefore therefor	hart heart	peculiar peculier

C. The hidden word fills the gap. Write the missing letters.

s e p _ _ _ _ e — hint: an animal

b e _ _ _ v e — hint: not true

h _ _ _ t — hint: you hear with it

p e c u _ _ _ _ — hint: tells lies

D. These words all hide the **same** little word: **heard**, **learn**, **early**, **earth**.

The hidden word is _____. Write a silly sentence that uses two of the words.

Challenge

Mia writes **seperate**. She says, "I spelt it the way I say it." Is she right? Which trick would help her?

I can… Tick when you can.

- [ ] find a little word hiding inside a tricky word
- [ ] choose a hidden word that sits on the tricky part
- [ ] spell separate, believe and grammar from memory